



missouri endangered species

postcard contest

2011

river habitat—
we gotta have it!

The 2011 Endangered Species Postcard Contest challenges Missouri's kindergarten through 12th-grade students to illustrate a postcard with pictures of endangered species or species of conservation concern that depend on Missouri's midsize rivers, such as the Platte, the Salt and the Osage rivers. You and your students can find a postcard template and other resources at www.MissouriConservation.org/4151.

Guidelines and Deadlines

- Five age categories are eligible to participate:
 - K-2nd grades ■ 5th-6th grades ■ 9th-12th grades
 - 3rd-4th grades ■ 7th-8th grades
- Artwork must depict Missouri's midsize-river habitat and/or one or more species that live in them.
- Postcards must be made of card stock using the provided template or a 4" x 6" index card. To use the provided template, copy the PDF onto cardstock and cut into quarters.
- The back side of each postcard **must** list the following information:
 - Student name and grade
 - School and classroom teacher (for entries submitted with a school group)
 - Return home address (for entries submitted individually, not with a school group).
- **School groups:** We will require that each classroom conduct a precontest. Please select the top three postcards from each classroom and submit only those three postcards. Multiple classrooms per school are encouraged to enter. **Teachers:** Please fill out an entry form complete with information for each classroom entering the contest.
- **Individual entries:** For students whose school group is not participating, you may enter as an individual. Only one entry allowed per student.
- Mail postcard entries in an envelope with a return address to: Endangered Species Postcard Contest, c/o Lisa Baclesse, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0180.
- Postcards must be received by November 23, 2011.
- The top three winners in each of the five age categories will be announced at www.MissouriConservation.org/4151 and will receive prizes. The first-place postcards will be printed and sold in MDC Nature Shops.
- Got questions? Call Marci Porter at (573) 522-4115, ext. 3236, or email at Marci.Porter@mdc.mo.gov.

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AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES

Alligator snapping turtle
Eastern hellbender ■ Mudpuppy
Ozark hellbender

BIRDS

Cerulean warbler ■ Swainson's warbler

FISH

Blacknose shiner ■ Bluestripe darter
Central mudminnow ■ Channel darter
Checkered madtom ■ Crystal darter
Eastern/Western slim minnow
Ghost shiner ■ Harlequin darter
Highfin carpsucker ■ Ironcolor shiner
Longnose darter ■ Mountain madtom
Neosho madtom ■ Niangua darter
Ozark shiner ■ Plains minnow
Plains topminnow ■ Sabine shiner
Stargazing darter ■ Taillight shiner
Topeka shiner ■ Trout-perch

MAMMALS

Swamp rabbit ■ Golden mouse

MUSSELS

Bankclimber ■ Black sandshell
Curtis pearlymussel
Cylindrical papershell ■ Ebonyshell
Elephantear ■ Elktoe
Neosho mucket ■ Pink mucket
Purple lilliput ■ Rabbitsfoot
Rock pocketbook ■ Salamander mussel
Scaleshell ■ Sheepnose
Slippershell mussel ■ Snuffbox
Spectaclecase ■ Wartyback
Western fanshell ■ Winged mapleleaf

OTHER INVERTEBRATES

Big creek crayfish
Coldwater crayfish
St. Francis River crayfish

PLANTS

Running buffalo clover



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